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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor : Joseph S. Bieganek, Thomas R. Hetzel, and Joan Padgett  
Serial No. : 10/628,890  
Filed : July 28, 2003  
Title : APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR EVALUATING  
CLEARANCE FROM A CONTOURED SEAT CUSHION

Group Art Unit : 2859  
Confirmation No. : 3853  
Examiner : Yaritaz Guadalupe

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

IN RE THE APPLICATION OF: Joseph S. Bieganek, Thomas R. Hetzel, and Joan Padgett

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TRANSMITTED HEREWITH IS AN AMENDMENT IN THE ABOVE-IDENTIFIED APPLICATION

Amendment and Response to First Office Action

FILING FEE HAS BEEN CALCULATED AS SHOWN BELOW:

	(COL. 1) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	(COL. 2) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(COL. 3) PRESENT EXTRA	SMALL ENTITY		OR	LARGE ENTITY	
				RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE		RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL:	27*	-	27	0**	X \$9 =	\$0.00	X \$18 =	\$0.00
INDEP:	1*	-	3	0***	X \$44 =	\$0.00	X \$88 =	\$0.00
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS				+ \$150 =		OR	+ \$300 =	
ADDITIONAL FEES				TOTAL:	\$0.00	OR	TOTAL:	\$0.00

\*IF THE ENTRY IN COL. 1 IS LESS THAN THE ENTRY IN COL. 2, WRITE "0" IN COL. 3.

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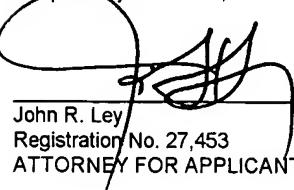
A CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ \_\_\_\_\_ FOR THE ADDITIONAL FEES.

THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE PAYMENT OF THE FOLLOWING FEES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS COMMUNICATION OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 12-1087. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ENCLOSED.

ANY FILING FEES UNDER 37 CFR 1.16 FOR THE PRESENTATION OF EXTRA CLAIMS.  
 ANY PATENT APPLICATION PROCESSING FEES UNDER 37 CFR 1.17.

Dated at Greenwood Village, Colorado, this 30th day of September, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO First OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 30, 2004, please amend the application as set forth below in the following Two Parts of this Amendment and Response.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claims 12 and 27.

Part 1 hereof presents the pending claims with markings to indicate the changes.

REMARKS

Part 2 comments on the above amendments, and the June 30, 2004 office action.